REMARKS

Claims 1-21 currently remain in the application. Claims 1, 8, 9, and 17 are herein amended.

The purpose of the instant supplementary amendment is to introduce an additional limitation regarding the directional relationship of the first and second mirrors to independent claims 1, 8, 9 and 17 so as to further distinguish them from the cited reference. By contrast, the Z-measuring mirror R3 and the second Z-measuring mirror R4 in Fig. 7 of Loopstra face mutually opposite directions.

In summary, it is believed that the Examiner will find it now easier to understand the difference between the present invention and the cited reference.

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